Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 15 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 16 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Sunday 15 Oct 2023 at 02:44 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for transition to less cold, more settled weather from Monday onwards with winds becoming light. Winds strengthening again mid-week.

Headline for Sunday 15 Oct 2023: Rather cloudy morning with wintry showers. Brighter afternoon with showers becoming fewer. Feeling bitterly cold with strong winds slowly easing.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 15 Oct 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow	Sunny intervals	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
40%	40%	40%	30%	20%	30%

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Weather: Rather cloudy start with quite frequent showers, these of snow at most levels at first, becoming confined to tops of munros during morning as milder air edges in. Showers becoming fewer during afternoon with more sunshine, especially in east towards Ben Wyvis.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in morning improving 70% in afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Away from showers, visibility will be good but reductions to very poor as wintry showers pass by. Fairly extensive cloud cover during morning above about 700m with patches lower down over hills near to West Coast. Clouds will become more broken higher up the hills during afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	38/44 NW	30/36 NW	24/31 W	23/29 W	21/27 W	20/25 SW	17/22 SW
900	36/43 NW	29/35 NW	22/28 W	22/28 W	20/25 W	18/24 SW	16/21 SW
600	24/31 NW	18/25 NW	16/22 W	16/22 W	12/18 W	11/16 SW	10/14 SW
300	7/33 NW	7/28 NW	6/23 W	6/22 W	4/18 W	3/15 SW	2/13 SW
Glen	14/28 W	10/22 NW	10/19 W	9/19 W	4/11 W	2/9 W	2/7 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-0/-9	-0/-8	0/-7	0/-6	0/-6	0/-6	0/-6
900	1/-8	0/-7	1/-5	1/-5	1/-5	1/-5	1/-4
600	3/-3	3/-2	4/-1	4/-1	4/-0	3/-0	3/-0
300	5/3	5/3	6/4	6/5	6/4	5/4	5/4
Glen	8/4	8/6	9/6	9/7	8/8	8/7	8/7
Freezing Level*	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling bitterly cold over higher ridges and summits with fresh or strong winds and temperatures close to freezing.

Forecast for Monday 16 Oct 2023
Weather: A mostly dry day with sunny spells. Just a few light showers remaining, mostly over north Highlands, wintry over highest peaks.

Maximum wind: Westerly winds, average speeds of 15 to 20mph with gusts 30mph over higher summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%.

Low cloud and visibility: Very good visibility with occasional cloud above about 700 to 800m, more extensive over hills near to West Coast.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius in glens at first, rising to 10 Celsius by afternoon.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius rising to plus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1100m rising above the summits.

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